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Subject: VACCINATION DIRECTION FROM PRESIDENT BIDEN

TO: ALL FEDERAL AND GSSC EMPLOYEES

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Last Thursday, President Biden addressed the nation regarding the pandemic. During his remarks, the President mandated that federal workers who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 undergo regular testing. The Hanford leadership team is working closely with our Environmental Management headquarters team to implement this order consistent with the other Department of Energy sites across the nation.

Throughout the pandemic, we have carefully and methodically executed steps to keep our workforce safe while moving our important mission forward. At this time, both Benton and Franklin counties are characterized as “High” for level of community transmission by the CDC. As a result, all employees are required to wear a face covering when indoors at work, except when alone and in their offices with the door closed, regardless of vaccination status consistent with CDC guidelines. Though our current telework posture is not being changed, please continue to prioritize protective measures against the COVID-19 disease when you are in the community. Further, if you have not yet been vaccinated, please consider speaking with your personal health care provider for relevant vaccine information and advice.

We will continue to work with you and our headquarters organization to determine our next steps in implementing the presidential directive. To find a COVID-19 vaccine near you, please visit [Vaccine.gov](https://www.vaccine.gov).

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**Note for those reading this on Hanford.gov, Hanford contractors sent a similar message to their employees the same afternoon.*